GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Agriculture Department - Sri K.Chengappa, the then ADA (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Vishakapatnam District now retired as ADA (PP), O/o. JDA, Srikakulam – Absconded from duty and his whereabouts are not known since 13.08.2013 and also not attended any meeting conducted by the Conservator of Forests, during September and October, 2013 – Departmental Proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Imposing penalty of 2% cut in pension for period of one (1) year – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 151 **Dated: 24-03-2021**

Read the following:-

1. Lr.No.5393/2009/M2, dated: 11.11.2013 of Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam.
2. Charge Memo.No.Vig.II(1)/2013, dt:23.5.2014, O/o. C&DA, AP, Hyd.
3. Proceedings .No. Vig.II(1)/2013, dt..15.2.2018,O/o. C&DA, AP, Guntur.
4. From E.O. &DDA, Anakapalli, Vsp. Dist. Rc.No. A22/2018, dt.10.07.2018.
5. From E.O. &DDA, Anakapalli, Vsp. Dist. Rc.No. A22/2018, dt.11.9.2018.
6. Proceedings .No. Vig.II(1)/2013, dt:22.10.2018, O/o. C&DA, AP, Guntur.
7. Repn. of Sri K.Chengappa, ADA(Rtd),dt.27.11.2018.
8. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur Lr.No. Vig.II(5)461/2013, dated:03.01.2019.
9. Govt. Memo. No. AGC01-AGRI0AEST/37/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.25 03.2019.
10. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture,A.P., Guntur Lr.No. Vig.II(5)461/2013, Dt:12.02.2019.
11. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, Lr. No. Vig.II(5) 461/2013,Dt:01.01.2021.
12. Lr.No. AGC01-AGRI0AEST/37/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Deptt., dated: 20.01.2021
13. From the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, Lr. No. 65/ DC&C/ 2021, Dt: 22.02.2021.

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Order:

In the reference 1st read above, the Conservator of Forests, Vishakapatnam informed to the Commissioner of Agriculture that Sri K. Chengappa, the then ADA (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Vishakapatnam District now retired as ADA (PP), O/o. JDA, Srikakulam, has absconded from duty and his whereabouts are not known since 13.08.2013 and also not attended any meeting conducted by the Conservator of Forests, during September and October, 2013.

2. In the ref 2nd read above, based on the report submitted by the Conservator of Forests, Vishakapatnam, the Commissioner of Agriculture, has initiated disciplinary action against Sri K. Chengappa, retired as ADA (PP), O/o. JDA, Srikakulam, duly framing article of charge against the C.O. The C.O. has received the Charge Memo, but he has not submitted his WSD even after lapse of time.

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3. In the ref 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture has appointed Sri M. P. Adarana Kumar, DDA (SC), Anakapalle, Visakhapatnam District as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri K. Chengappa, the then ADA and appointed Sri N. Koteswara Rao, ADA, O/o. ADA (R), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the I.A.

4. In the ref 4th read above, the Enquiry Officer, submitted the Enquiry Report stating that the Charge levelled against Sri K.Chengappa, ADA is held not proved. On through examination of the Enquiry report with reference to the records available, some discrepancies were found and the Commissioner has requested the E.O, to re-examine the enquiry report, vide his letter dated: 08.08.2018. In the ref 5th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his further report and has stated that the charge levelled against the charged Officer is held proved.

5. In the ref 6th read above, the Enquiry report was communicated to the C.O. for his explanation. In the ref 7th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written representation, wherein he has requested to drop further action against him. He retired from service on 30.11.2018 A.N., on attaining the age of superannuation. In the ref. 8th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, has therefore requested the Govt to take necessary action as per A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, being the competent authority

6. Government have examined the matter carefully and provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 2% cut in pension for a period of one year besides treating the absence period as “Dies-non”, under rule-9 of APRP Rules, 1980 against the C.O., In the reference 9th read above, Show-cause notice was issued to the C.O, with a request to submit his representation, if any, on the above punishment. But he has not submitted his written explanation against the SCN issued to him, within the stipulated time.

7. In the reference 13th read above, the APPSC have concurred with the decision of the Government.

8. Government, after following due procedure and careful examination, hereby order to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of one year besides treating the absence period as “Dies-non”, against Sri K. Chengappa, now retired as ADA (PP), O/o. JDA, Srikakulam as per A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Chengappa, now retired as ADA (PP), O/o. JDA, Srikakulam (through the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur

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SECTION OFFICER